

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 1 with the following amended paragraph:

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This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/324,037, filed September 21, 2001, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Real-Time Business Visibility Using Persistent Schema-Less Data Storage" and U.S. Provisional Patent 5 Application Serial No. 60/291,185, filed on May 15, 2001, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Enterprise Application Integration." This application is also a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/917,264~~90/917,264~~, filed July 27, 2001, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Enterprise Application Integration." The teachings of all of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference.